

# Iowa

All-Terrain Vehicle  
and Off-Highway  
Motorcycle

# Regulations



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## Summary of Iowa All-Terrain Vehicle Regulations

It is the policy of the state to promote safety for persons, property, and the environment relating to the use of, operation, and equipment of all-terrain vehicles and to promote uniformity of laws and rules relating thereto.

**The material contained in this pamphlet is based upon the Code of Iowa and the Iowa Administrative Code, but does not adhere to the legal text. For more complete information, please consult the Code and Administrative Rules.**

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### Motorcycles

A motorcycle as defined in the Iowa Code (321.1, Subsection 40, Paragraph A), may be registered as an all-terrain vehicle as provided in this section. A motorcycle registered as an ATV may participate in all programs established for ATVs under this chapter except for the safety instruction and certification program.

## All-Terrain Vehicle and Off-Highway Motorcycle Quick Reference Operation Guide

\* ATVs and off-highway motorcycles must have and display a valid DNR registration to ride in any OHV park or on any **designated** public land or ice (321I).

\* A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle upon roadways (**including the ditch area**) except as provided in section 321.234A (agricultural exemption) or on a designated and signed trail approved by the county board of supervisors.



**ATV Registration  
Decal**

### **Agricultural Exemption:**

1. Use must be for a valid agricultural purpose.
2. Operation must be between sunrise and sunset.
3. Operator must have a valid drivers license.
4. Machine must be operated at speeds under 35 miles per hour.
5. If the rider is under 18 years of age they must have a valid safety certificate.
6. An owner of land or the owner's family may operate an ATV or off-highway motorcycle in the ditch area that is adjacent to their property (they must stop riding at the end of their property boundary).

\* No person under the age of 12 may operate an ATV on any public property, including ATV parks (321I.21).

\* ATV riders under 18 years of age must have a valid safety certificate before riding on any public land or ice (321I.25).

\* Riding double is prohibited on ATVs and off-highway motorcycles (even on private property), unless the ATV and off-highway motorcycle is designed and manufactured for two persons (most are not) (321I.14).

\* Riding is prohibited in streambeds, parks, fish and game areas, wildlife areas, state forests, snowmobile trails, and on any public land, ice, or snow that has official signs of the Department prohibiting such operation (321I.14).

\* Careless, reckless, or negligent operation is prohibited (321I.14(b)).

\* Speed greater than reasonable or proper under all existing circumstances is prohibited (321.14(c)).

\* Riding while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics is prohibited (321.14(c)).

\* ATVs and off-highway motorcycles may not exceed an engine noise limit above 86 decibels measured at a distance of 50 feet (321I.12).

## Iowa All-Terrain Vehicle Education

This is a mandatory program for individuals ages 12-17 who ride their ATV's on designated public land or land purchased with ATV registration funds in Iowa. It is a cooperative program between the Iowa DNR and the ATV Safety Institute, a non-profit division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America. The course, known as the ASI ATV RiderCourse® is recognized on a national level and is known as one of the best ATV safety training programs available. The ASI ATV RiderCourse® is supported by a number of leading ATV distributors. Efforts are being made to target ATV users and prospective buyers about the safe and responsible use of ATVs. This ASI ATV course may be offered free of charge by some distributors to all individuals who purchase a new ATV including the purchaser's family members. Interested parties not eligible for free safety training can take a course for a fee of \$75 for individuals 16 and under and \$125 for any over 16. This fee is collected by the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute and is used to maintain an active pool of instructors, providing continuing education to instructors, providing materials for coursework, and support the administration of the enrollment and record keeping systems.

The course is approximately 4.5 hours in length. Students practice safety techniques, with hands-on exercises covering starting, stopping, swerving and riding over obstacles. Particular emphasis is placed on the safety implications relating to each lesson.

The course also covers protective gear, environmental concerns and local laws. Participants receive the ATV RiderCourse® Handbook, which reinforces the safety information and riding techniques covered during the ATV RiderCourse®. The instructional materials as well as the course curriculum have been designed in consultation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

To register for the ATV RiderCourse®, contact the ASI Enrollment Express hotline at (800) 887-2887. To speak with a national representative about ATV safety, call (800) 852-5344. For more information on the ASI ATV RiderCourse® and for interactive safety information, log onto: [www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)



## Definitions

“**A scale**” means the physical scale marked “A” graduated in decibels on a sound level meter which meets the requirements of the American National Standards Institute, incorporated, publication S1.4-1961, general purpose sound level meters.

“**All-terrain vehicle**” (ATV) means a motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than three low pressure tires, but not more than six low pressure tires, or a two-wheeled off-road motorcycle, that is limited in engine displacement to less than eight hundred cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than eight hundred fifty pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

“**Dealer**” means a person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging ATVs required to be registered under this chapter and who has an established place of business for that purpose in this state.

“**Manufacture**” means a person engaged in the business of constructing or assembling ATVs required to be registered under this chapter and who has an established place of business for that purpose in this state.

“**Motorcycle**” means every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground including a motor scooter but excluding a tractor and a motorized bike.

“**Motor Vehicle**” means a vehicle which is self propelled. Which includes: cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors.

“**Non-ambulatory person**” means an individual with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually caused by disease of or injury to the spinal cord, or caused by the loss of both legs or the loss of a part of both legs.

“**Operate**” means to ride in or on, other than as a passenger, use or control the operation of an ATV in any manner, whether or not the ATV is moving.

“**Public land**” means land owned by the federal government, the state, or political subdivisions of the state and land acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant to section 321I.8.

“**Railroad right of way**” shall mean the full width of property owned, leased or subject to easement for railroad purposes and shall not be limited to those areas on which tracks are located.

“**Roadway**” means the portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

“**Safety certificate**” means an ATV safety certificate issued by the Iowa DNR to a qualified applicant who is 12 years of age or older.

“**Special event**” means an organized race, exhibition, or demonstration of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is manifested.

“Street” or “highway” means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel, except in public areas in which the boundary shall be 33 feet each side of the center line of the road way.



## Signal From Officer to Stop

A person, after having received a visual or audible signal from a peace officer to come up to a stop, shall not operate an ATV in willful or wanton disregard of the signal or interfere with or endanger the officer or any other persons vehicle, or increase speed or attempt to flee or elude the officer.

## Reporting Accidents

If an ATV is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to \$1,000 or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify the county sheriff or another law enforcement agency in the state. The operator shall file with the Iowa DNR a report of the accident, within 48 hours, containing such information as the department may require. Accident report forms can be obtained from county sheriff or department law enforcement personnel.



## Prosecution

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any regulation of the department or Director of the Department of Transportation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

*\* A person, regardless of age, may be prosecuted for violation of Iowa’s ATV laws and regulations.*

## Liability

The owner and operator of an ATV is liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of the ATV.

## Registration

### Where:

**Resident:** County Recorder in county of residence.

**Nonresident:** County Recorder in county of principal use or any electronic license vendor where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

### Fees:

#### **Annual Registration Fee \$15**

Annual registration runs from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. After the first of September any unregistered ATV may be registered for the remainder of the current year and the subsequent year for \$20.

#### **A \$1.25 writing fee is charged by the county recorder for each registration.**

*Note: All ATVs purchased from dealers shall not be registered by the county recorder until the county recorder is presented with receipts, current registration, title, bills of sale, or other satisfactory evidence that the sales or use tax has been paid for the purchase of the ATV.*

- \* Transfer of Registration Fee \$1
- Duplicate Registration Fee \$1
- Title Fee \$10

*\*(Registration transfers shall be handled in the county in which the new owner resides.)*

## Point of Sale Registration

### **Operation Pending Registration**

The commission shall furnish all-terrain vehicle dealers with pasteboard cards bearing the words “registration applied for” and space for the date of purchase. An unregistered all-terrain vehicle sold by a dealer shall bear one of these cards which entitles the purchaser to operate it for **ten days** immediately following the purchase. The purchaser of a registered all-terrain vehicle may operate it for **ten days** immediately following the purchase, without having completed a transfer of registration. An all-terrain vehicle dealer shall make application and pay all registration fees on behalf of the purchaser of an all-terrain vehicle.

Licensed ATV dealers are required by law to issue a “registration applied for” card with each machine to allow operation for **ten days** immediately following the date of sale until registration is received. All-terrain vehicles cannot be legally operated unless bearing a valid registration or “registration applied for” card.

If the ownership of an ATV is to be transferred, the owner must complete the form on the back of the **current registration** certificate and title, then deliver it to the purchaser or transferee. The purchaser or transferee must within **thirty days** file an application for transfer with the county recorder.

\* *The ATV's registration must be brought up to the current registration year in order to sell.*

The registration certificate shall be carried either in the ATV or on the person operating the machine.

The ATV registration fee is in lieu of personal property tax for the calendar year of the registration.

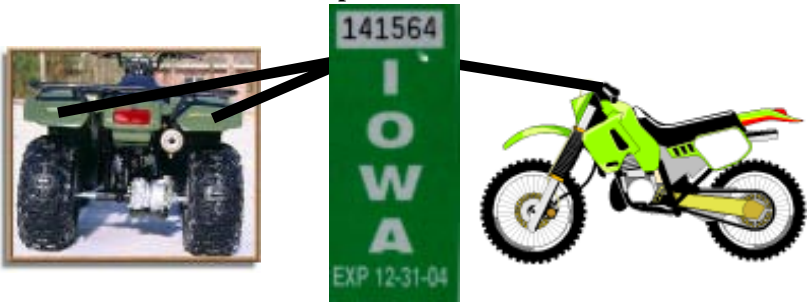
**Registration not Required**

Registration shall not be required for the following ATVs:

1. ATVs owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision of another state.
2. ATVs registered in a country other than the United States used within the state for not more than 20 consecutive days.
3. ATVs covered by a valid registration of another state and which have not been within this state for not more than 20 consecutive days.
4. ATVs not registered or licensed in another state or country being used in this state while engaged in a special event and not remaining in the state for a period of more than 10 days.
5. ATVs being used for agricultural purposes (see page 9 of these regulations *Iowa Code 321.234A*).

**Decals**

**Proper Placement**



Identification Number. The audit number on the all-terrain vehicle registration decal shall serve as the identification number required to be displayed as prescribed by Iowa Code section 321I.3.

The decal with the audit number shall be affixed to the rear of the ATV so that the decal is clearly visible. On a off-highway motorcycle the decal should be affixed the yoke of the steering column so that it is clearly visible.

## **Age Restrictions and Safety Certificate Requirements**

A person under eighteen years of age shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle **on designated public land or land purchased with all-terrain vehicle registration funds** in this state without obtaining a valid safety certificate issued by the **department** and having the certificate in the person's possession.

A valid ATV safety certificate or license issued to a nonresident by a governmental authority of another state shall be considered a valid certificate or license in this state if the permit or license requirements of such governmental authority, excluding fees, are substantially the same as the requirements of this Act as determined by the department. If you have any questions concerning this issue please call: (515) 281-3449.

### **Age Requirements for ATV Operation on Designated Public Lands and ATV Parks**

#### **Under 12**

Persons under the age of twelve may only operate on designated public lands and ATV parks while taking a prescribed safety training course.

#### **12-17**

Persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen may operate on designated public lands and ATV parks if they have a valid ATV safety certificate. Riding double is prohibited on ATVs and off-highway motorcycles (even on private property), unless the ATV and off-highway motorcycle is designed and manufactured for two persons (most are not) (321I.14). Riding double is prohibited in all of Iowa's ATV Parks.

#### **18 - up**

Persons ages 18 and up may operate on designated public lands and ATV parks without a valid ATV safety certificate. Riding double is prohibited on ATVs and off-highway motorcycles (even on private property), unless the ATV and off-highway motorcycle is designed and manufactured for two persons (most are not) (321I.14). Riding double is prohibited in all of Iowa's ATV Parks.

**\* There are no age restrictions for operating an All-Terrain Vehicle on private land.**

#### **Agricultural Exemption**

1. Use must be for a valid agricultural purpose.
2. Operation must be from sunrise and sunset.
3. Operator must have a valid drivers license
4. Machine must be operated at speeds under 35 miles per hour.
5. If the rider is under 18 years of age they must have a valid safety certificate.
6. An owner of land or the owner's family may operate an ATV or off-highway motorcycle in the ditch area that is adjacent to their property (they must stop riding at the end of their property boundary).

## Equipment Required

### Head Lamp - Tail Lamp - Brakes

Every ATV operated from sunset to sunrise shall display a lighted head lamp and tail lamp. Every ATV shall be equipped with brakes which conform to standards prescribed by the director of transportation.

### Mufflers

An ATV shall not be operated without suitable and effective muffling devices which limit engine noise to not more than 86 decibels and measured on the “A” scale at a distance of 50 feet. The DNR may adopt rules with respect to the inspection of ATVs and the testing of their mufflers.

\* Note: See “A Scale” definition, page 5.

## Firearms on All-Terrain Vehicles

A person shall not operate or ride an ATV with a firearm in the person’s possession unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case. **However, paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from a motor driven land conveyance such as an all-terrain vehicle. “Paraplegic” means an individual affected with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.**

[IAC 571-98.2(2)] - Turkey [IAC 571-106.7(4)] - Deer

## Trespassing

The operation of ATVs on private land is subject to trespass laws and permission must be obtained.

## General Operation Regulations

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any ATV:

1. On public land with the exception as provided in section 321.234A (See page 5) or in specified areas permitted by the department, such as “ATV Parks” or “Designated Trails,” which are designated and intended for use.
2. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all existing circumstances.
3. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another, or to cause injury or damage thereto.
4. Without a lighted headlight and taillight from sunset to sunrise and at such other times when conditions provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five

hundred feet ahead.

5. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs.
6. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.
7. On any public land, ice, or snow, in violation of official signs of the department prohibiting such operation in the interest of safety for persons, property, or the environment. Any officer appointed by the department may post an official sign in an emergency for the protection of persons, property, or the environment.
8. In or on any park or fish and game area except on designated ATV trails.
9. Upon an operating railroad right of way. This subsection does not apply to a law enforcement officer or railroad employee in the lawful discharge of the officer's or employee's duties.
10. Riding double is prohibited on ATVs and off-highway motorcycles (even on private property), unless the ATV and off-highway motorcycle is designed and manufactured for two persons (most are not) (321I.14).

## **Operating on Road and Highways**

A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle upon roadways or highways (including the ditch area) except as provided in section 321.234A (agricultural exemption) or on a designated and signed trail approved by the county board of supervisors.

## **Operating on Trails and Private Land**

### **ATVs May Not Be Operated**

1. On private property without permission.
2. ATVs shall not be operated on snowmobile trails except where designated by controlling authority and the primary snowmobile trail sponsor.
3. Snowmobiles shall not be operated on ATV trails except where designated by the controlling authority and the primary ATV trail sponsor.



## Vehicle Prohibited in Streambed

This section does not prohibit the use of ford crossing of public or private roads or any other ford crossing when used for: agricultural purposes, the operation of construction vehicles engaged in lawful construction, repair, or maintenance in a streambed, or the operation of motor vehicles on ice (see “motor vehicle” definition page 4.)

1. Except as provided above, a person shall **NOT** operate any motor vehicle in any of the following situations:
  - a. Any portion of a meandered stream.
  - b. Any portion of the bed of a non-meandered stream which has been identified as a navigable stream or river adopted by the department and which is covered by water.
2. The Department of Natural Resources shall adopt rules identifying the navigable streams and rivers in which a motor vehicle may be operated. The department may exempt participants of organized special events from this section approved by a state or local authority.

## Certificates of Title

1. The owner of an all-terrain vehicle acquired on or after January 1, 2000, other than an all-terrain vehicle used exclusively as a farm implement, shall apply to the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides for a certificate of title for the all-terrain vehicle.
2. A certificate of title shall contain the information and shall be issued on a form the department prescribes.
3. An owner of an all-terrain vehicle shall apply to the county recorder for issuance of a certificate of title within **thirty days** after acquisition. The application shall be on forms the department prescribes and accompanied by the required fee. The application shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person who administers oaths, or shall include a certification signed in writing containing knowledge, information, and belief, under penalty of perjury. The application shall contain the date of sale and gross price of the all-terrain vehicle or the fair market value if no sale immediately preceded the transfer and any additional information the department requires. If the application is made for an all-terrain vehicle last previously registered or titled in another state or foreign country, the application shall contain this information and any other the department requires.
4. If a dealer buys or acquires an all-terrain vehicle for resale, the dealer shall report the acquisition to the county recorder on forms provided by the department and may apply for and obtain a certificate of title as provided in this chapter. If a dealer buys or acquires a used all-terrain

vehicle, the dealer may apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name within **fifteen days**. If a dealer buys or acquires a new all-terrain vehicle for resale, the dealer may apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name.

5. A manufacturer or dealer shall not transfer ownership of a new all-terrain vehicle without supplying the transferee with the manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin signed by the manufacturer's or importer's authorized agent. The certificate shall contain information the department requires. The department may adopt rules providing for the issuance of a certificate of origin for an all-terrain vehicle by the department upon good cause shown by the owner.

6. A dealer transferring ownership of an all-terrain vehicle under this chapter shall assign the title to the new owner, or in the case of a new all-terrain vehicle, assign the certificate of origin. Within **thirty days** the dealer shall forward all moneys and applications to the county recorder.

7. The county recorder shall maintain a record of any certificate of title which the county recorder issues and shall keep each certificate of title on record until the certificate of title has been inactive for five years. When issuing a title for a new all-terrain vehicle, the county recorder shall obtain and keep on file the certificate of origin.

8. Once titled, a person shall not sell or transfer ownership of an all-terrain vehicle without delivering to the purchaser or transferee a certificate of title with an assignment on it showing the title in the purchaser or transferee. A person shall not purchase or otherwise acquire an all-terrain vehicle without obtaining a certificate of title for it in that person's name.

9. The county recorder shall transmit a copy of the certificate of title to the department, which shall be the central repository of title information for all-terrain vehicles.

10. All questions concerning bonding issues with machines with VIN numbers contact your local county recorder. Machines without VIN numbers contact your local conservation officer for questions concerning bonding.

### **Title - Fees - Surcharges - Duplicates**

1. The county recorder shall charge a **ten dollar** fee to issue a certificate of title, a transfer of title, a duplicate, or a corrected certificate of title.

2. If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated, destroyed, or becomes illegible, the first lienholder or if there is none, the owner named in the certificate, as shown by the county recorder's records, shall within **thirty days** obtain a duplicate by applying to the county recorder. The applicant shall furnish information the department requires concerning the original certificate and the circumstances of its loss, mutilation, or destruction. Mutilated or illegible certificates shall be returned to the department with the application for a duplicate.

3. The duplicate certificate of title shall be marked plainly “duplicate” across its face and mailed or delivered to the applicant.
4. If a lost or stolen original certificate of title for which a duplicate has been issued is recovered, the original shall be surrendered promptly to the department for cancellation.
5. **Five dollars** of the certificate of title fees collected under this section shall be remitted by the county recorder to the treasurer of state for deposit in the special conservation fund created under section 321I.8. The remaining five dollars shall be retained by the county and deposited into the general fund of the county.

#### **Transfer or Repossession of All-Terrain Vehicles by Operation of Law**

1. If ownership of an all-terrain vehicle is transferred by operation of law, such as by inheritance, order in bankruptcy, insolvency, replevin, or execution sale, the transferee, within **thirty days** after acquiring the right to possession of the all-terrain vehicle, shall mail or deliver to the county recorder satisfactory proof of ownership as the county recorder requires, together with an application for a new certificate of title, and the required fee.
2. If a lienholder repossesses an all-terrain vehicle by operation of law and holds it for resale, the lienholder shall secure a new certificate of title and shall pay the required fee.

#### **Security Interest - Perfection and Titles - Fee**

1. A security interest created in this state in an all-terrain vehicle is not perfected until the security interest is noted on the certificate of title.
  - a. To perfect the security interest, an application for security interest must be presented along with the original title. The county recorder shall note the security interest on the face of the title and on the copy in the recorder’s office.
  - b. The application fee for a security interest is **ten dollars**. Five dollars of the fee shall be credited to the special conservation fund created under section 321I.8. The remaining five dollars shall be retained by the county and deposited into the general fund of the county.
2. The certificate of title shall be presented to the county recorder when the application for security interest or for assignment of the security interest is presented and a new or endorsed certificate of title shall be issued to the secured party with the name and address of the secured party upon it.
3. The secured party shall present the certificate of title to the county recorder when a release statement is filed and a new or endorsed certificate shall be issued to the owner.

## Special Events

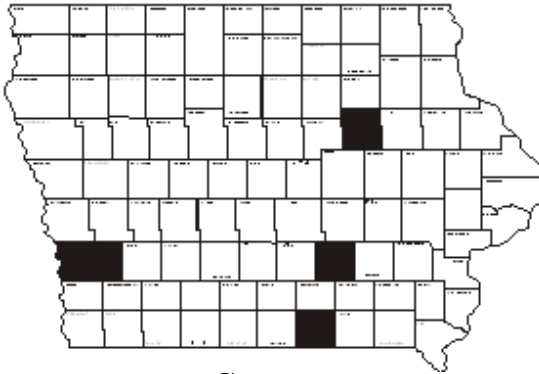
The Department of Natural Resources may authorize the holding of organized special events (see page 4) within the state. The department shall adopt rules relating to the conduct of special events held under department permits, designating the equipment and facilities necessary for safe operation of ATVs and for the safety of operators, participants and observers.

ATVs that are operated only in department-authorized special events may be registered in the same manner as other ATVs. Machines registered in this manner are exempt from the light, brake, and muffler requirements.

A special event for ATVs may include motorcycles upon payment of an entrance fee set by the organizer of the special event. The DNR may require part of the motorcycle entrance fee be credited to pay costs of ATV programs authorized pursuant to the Iowa Code, section 321I.8.

At least 30 days before the scheduled date of a special event, an application must be filed with the department. Applications may be obtained from the Conservation Officers or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034, (515) 281-3449.

## ATV Park Locations and Contacts



### Contacts

**DNR ATV/Licensing Staff**  
(515) 281-5918

- \*ATV titling and registration questions
- \*County Recorder Liasion

**DNR ATV Program Coordinator Information**  
(515) 281-3449

- \*ATV registration grant program
- \*Public ATV riding area contact

**Iowa OHV Association**  
**515-460-6482**  
*www.iowaohv.com*

## Off Highway Vehicle Riding Areas

There are currently four parks available for the public to ride ATVs and dirt bikes registered as ATVs. Those riding areas are:

**Bluff Creek OHV Park:** located in Mahaska County southwest of Oskaloosa. This is a 350 acre park with most of the area accessible for riding. The area is an abandoned coal mine that has been developed into a riding area.

**Rathbun OHV Park:** located in Appanoose County, on the southwest arm of Lake Rathbun off of highway 142. This is a 120 acre riding area located on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land.

**Waterloo OHV Park:** is located on Hawthorne Street in Waterloo, Black Hawk County. This 180 acre park is surrounded by the Cedar River, which creates some nice riverside trails. There is a nice variety of riding throughout the park. The park now includes: 2MX tracks, a flat track, large parking lot and other features.

**River Valley OHV Park:** is located along the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. This park is 200 acres in size and located off of the highway 275 bridge. Check out the website: [www.rivervalleytrailriders.com](http://www.rivervalleytrailriders.com)

*For area maps of these riding parks, go to: [www.iowaohv.com](http://www.iowaohv.com)*

\* All ATVs and dirt bikes **MUST BE REGISTERED** in order to ride in OHV Parks.

## Designated OHV Parks Park Operational Rules

1. ATVs and Motorcycles must have and display a valid DNR registration (321I).
2. Helmets are required for all operators.
3. No person under the age of 12 may operate an ATV in the park (321I.21).
4. ATV riders under 18 years of age must have a valid safety certificate (321I.25).
5. Riding double is prohibited on all ATVs and motorcycles (321I.14).
6. Riding off trail or in prohibited areas is illegal (321I.14(f)).
7. Careless, reckless, or negligent operation is prohibited (321I.14(b)).
8. Speed greater than reasonable or proper under all existing circumstances is prohibited (321I.14(a)).
9. Riding while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics is prohibited (321I.14(c)).
10. ATVs and motorcycles may not exceed an engine noise limit above 86 decibels measured at a distance of 50 feet (321I.12).

**Operational Rules are Strictly Enforced**

## Off-Highway Vehicle Riding Areas Coming Soon

There are many new Off-Highway Vehicle Riding Areas being developed. Please contact David Downing, DNR ATV Program Coordinator at 515/281-3449 for a complete listing of the parks under construction and their development status.



ATV Patrol Officer Matt Bruner checks a couple of registrations at the 600 Acre riding area near Iowa City.

## Iowa OHV Directors and Regions

<b>President</b>	<b>Dan Kleen</b>	<b>712/335-4769</b>
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<b>Treasure</b>	<b>Chris McKean</b>	<b>515/556-3322</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sandy Belz</b>	<b>515/727-1416</b>
<b>Region 1 Director</b>	<b>Dan Freeman</b>	<b>712/859-3104</b>
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## ATV Parts



## Watch For These Signs



Used along trails prior to a road crossing.  
Colors: Red & White



Instructs riders not to enter a particular area.  
Colors: Red & White



Instructs riders to yield to the right of way of other vehicles.  
Colors: Red & White



ATV Riding Area  
Colors: Brown & White



Indicates where ATVs can not operate.  
Colors: Red, White & Black



**Chevron**  
Provides additional guidance to a rider in a sharp turn.  
Colors: Yellow & Black



**Hazard Markers**  
Identifies a fixed object at the side of a trail.  
Colors: Yellow & Black



Advises operators that a stop sign is coming up.  
Colors: Yellow & Black



Advises riders of the possibility of a train and the presence of tracks.  
Colors: Yellow & Black



**Route Arrows**  
At the point an ATV operator leaves a trail, the arrow indicates the direction the operator may proceed on the highway or road.  
Colors: Green & White



**Caution Signs**  
To advise ATV operators to proceed at a reduced speed or to advise the operator of a specific trail condition.  
Colors: Black & Yellow



**Trail Blazer**  
Reassures the user they are on the trail.  
Color: Orange



**Directional Blazer**  
Indicates changes in trail direction.  
Colors: Orange & Black

**ATV Trail Difficulty:** Indicates the degree of Trail difficulty.



Easiest  
Color: Green



More Difficult  
Color: Blue



Most Difficult  
Color: Black

## Effects of Alcohol and Drugs

<b>Blood Alcohol Content Chart</b>									
Body Weight in Pounds	Number of Drinks in a Two Hour Period <small>12 oz. beer = 5 oz. wine = 1 oz. 80 proof liquor</small>								
100	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
120	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
140	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
160	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
180	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
200	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
220	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
240	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BAC to .05%</b>	<b>Be Careful - Loss of judgment and coordination.</b>								
<b>BAC .05% to .10%</b>	<b>Abilities Impaired - Chance of accident increased.</b>								
<b>BAC .10% and over</b>	<b>Do Not Operate an ATV - High risk of accident.</b>								

There is a lot of information available on how alcohol and drugs affect car drivers. Much less has been done on the effect on the riding skills of ATV operators. Most ATV riders would agree, however that it takes as much or more coordination and alertness to ride an ATV or off-highway motorcycle as it does to drive a car.

Skills such as visual sharpness, reaction time and general

awareness are hindered by alcohol. These skills are very critical for an ATV operator. Drinking before riding is a big risk. Using other drugs before or during operation of an ATV is equally hazardous.

Alcohol is considered a drug but is rarely used for medical purposes. And although it is often abused, alcohol is a legal drug. Alcohol is not the only thing that can impair your ability to ride an ATV. Many prescription drugs have adverse effects on your riding skills. Even over-the-counter drugs such as cold tablets and allergy remedies can lessen your riding abilities temporarily.

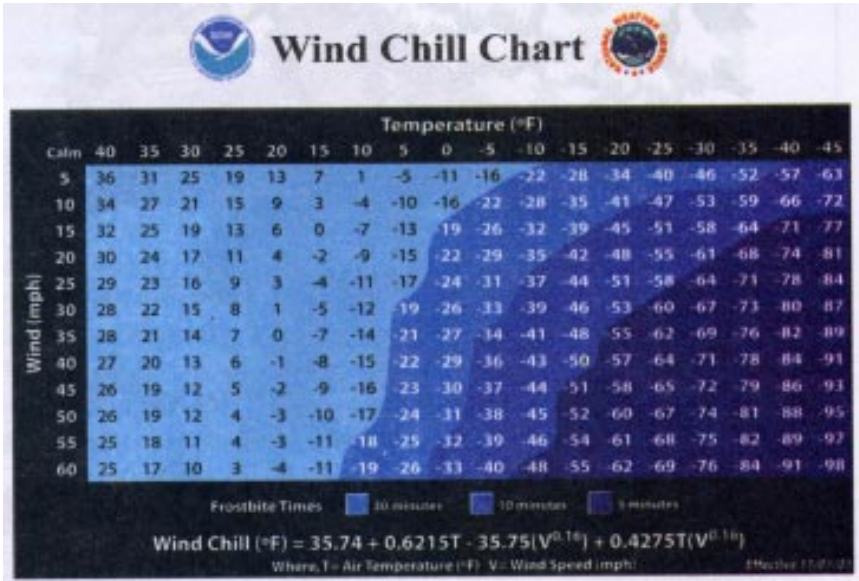
The adverse effects of some on driving behavior is often magnified when operating an ATV. Remember to carefully read the warning on labels of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. A cold tablet can reduce vision, alertness and perception. Most people ride ATVs because they enjoy close contact with the machine and riding environment. Use of alcohol and other drugs can only inhibit the close relationship between the ATV operator, the machine and the trail.

**\*Riding while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics is prohibited (321.14(c)).**

## Wind Chill Factor

ATV riding in the winter months demands common sense protection against moisture and low temperatures. Keeping your body warm and dry on the winter trail is essential for comfort, safety and health. While the thermometer may indicate a pleasant temperature, don't forget what the weather forecasters often call the "wind chill factor." It indicates the cooling power of cold air on exposed skin at different wind speeds or ATV speeds. For example, if the temperature on a calm day is 10 degrees above zero and you are riding your ATV at 30 miles per hour, the "wind chill" temperature is equivalent to 30 degrees below zero.

You should select the right combination of clothing to stay warm. Your entire trip can be miserable if you are not wearing the right clothes. If you dress properly, moisture will evaporate from your body. If you become too hot and your clothing traps the moisture, you will get cold. Clothing should be windproof and water repellent. It should be snug, so that it does not catch in the machine. But it should be loose enough to permit freedom of movement and blood circulation.



## ATV Safety Tips

1. Don't mix alcohol or drugs with ATV riding.
2. Wear bright clothing to increase your visibility to others.
3. Use maps and compass if you are riding in an unfamiliar area.
4. Carry a first aid pack with you.
5. Your ATV repair kit should include the manufacturer's tool kit as well as some tape, wire, elastic cord, and possibly locking pliers and a tow rope.
6. Carry some water and snacks with you.
7. Always ride with a buddy.
8. Don't ride beyond your ability. Practice advanced maneuvers only under controlled conditions.
9. Watch for thin ice which may be hidden by snow.
10. ATVs are designed for off-road use only and should never be driven on pavement.
11. Make a ride plan. Tell someone when and where you are going and when you expect to return.
12. Never follow directly behind another rider because this restricts your visibility.

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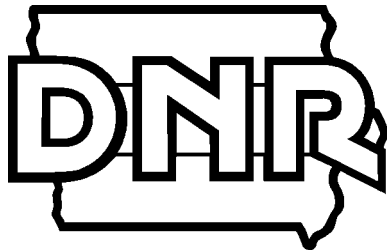
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